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Weekly Views

IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon announced the promotion of Plainfield Assistant Superintendent Dushan Zatecky as the new Superintendent at Pendleton Correctional Facility (PNCF), effective March 4, 2013. PCF would like to welcome Mr. Zatecky and express appreciation to IDOC Mental Health Director Craig Hanks for the outstanding job he did as interim Superintendent at the facility.

99.8 percent is the final re-accreditation score for Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF)! Wabash asked for and received standard waivers boosting the final tally from 99.3 to just under a perfect 100 percent. Superintendent Richard Brown made the case for Wabash during the American Correctional Association's Winter Conference in Houston, Texas. The score is the best ever for WVCF!

Stanley Knight and staff at the Putnamville Correctional Facility bid farewell and extended best wishes to Steve Weltzin (pictured right) who is retiring after 21 years of service. Weltzin began his career as a Correctional Officer, then promoted to counselor, ending his service with the Department as a case manager.



The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) Wee One's Nursery (WON) and the Family Preservation Program received a generous \$680 donation from the Women's Fund of Central Indiana. IWP's staff purchased supplies and children's books for both programs through Angel's Wings. The mission of the Women's Fund is to create opportunities for women and girls in central Indiana through the effective distribution of grants and through philanthropic engagement and education. Superintendent Steve McCauley thanked the Women's Fund for their continued support. Both programs operate solely on donations, and the WON Unit currently has three infants housed with their mothers and several mothers awaiting their delivery dates.

The Continuing Education Council (CEC) at the Indiana State Prison (ISP) sponsored a Black History Celebration in the Religious Center Auditorium. The talent of the men at ISP was used to celebrate the legacy and history of African Americans past and present. They incorporated music, spoken word poetry, skits, and speeches to commemorate the day. A movie was also showed on the CEC channel for the duration of Black History month for the offender population. The title of the movie was "Something the Lord Made". It was about Vivien Thomas, an African-American without a college degree, who invented the tool to assist with bypass surgery for infants and children.



The Plainfield Correctional Facility allowed offenders to purchase Girl Scout cookies with proceeds going to troops in Hendricks County. 411 boxes of cookies were sold totaling \$1438.50. With the facilities help, Troup 1236, based in Danville, Indiana raised enough money to attend a week long "camporee" in Europe this summer!

Edinburgh Correctional Facility staff participated in a Polar Plunge at Eagle Creek Reservoir. The facility donated \$500 to the Special Olympics Indiana raised through offender fundraisers.

Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility (IREF) Superintendent Steven Keever and Resident Michael Coffy were guests on WFYI's public radio and weekly news and public affairs program No Limits. The show focuses on topics of interest to Central Indiana residents. Along with Allen Superior Court Judge John Surbeck, Superintendent Keever (pictured left) and Resident

Coffy discussed the barriers of prisoner re-entry and IREF's role in preparing its resident to successfully return to the community after incarceration. The show is posted online at <http://www.wfyi.org/radio/localprograms/nolimits.asp>

Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) completed construction on another one-of-a-kind conference table made from recycled wood for the Commissioner of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). WCC Maintenance Supervisor Alex McEathron designed and supervised the project, along with eight offenders who assisted McEathron over the two years it took to complete the table. The half-ton table made the 150 mile journey from Westville to the BMV office in downtown Indianapolis. The 17' x 7' table sits on a four leg pedestal base, with a hand carved five foot medallion of the BMV seal. Most of the wood came from trees that had to be cut down inside the facility to improve lines of sight within the prison, and much of the labor was done by the inmates at minimal cost to the taxpayers. (see photo below of BMV Commissioner R. Scott Waddell, IDOC Construction Services Director Kevin Orme and Commissioner Bruce Lemmon)

Madison Correctional Facility made donations to three local not for profit agencies. The donations came from the Fresh Favorites commission percentage set aside for community involvement. Donations of \$500 each went to Ruth Haven House, Lide White Boys and Girls Club, and Girl's Inc.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility staff donated to the Food for Homeless Pets Program. The Venture Scouts collected and donated 150 pounds of pet food to the Madison County Humane Society.

Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) staff Heather Robertson and Nick Eblen spoke to the Terre Haute Optimists Club. Club Vice-President Terry Daniels invited Rockville staff to speak about the facility's population, history and the programs offered for successful re-entry. They were treated to breakfast with the club and a warm reception from all.

